

Local Items

All About Our Town And Its People

C. W. Adams left for his home in Summer Friday morning.

Mrs. Hiram Taylor of Sheridan, has been the guest of Mrs. George Kingsbury. Mrs. Kingsbury was a recent visitor at Camp Custer to visit her son, Elmer.

Aaron Lowden of Charlotte, a former resident of Smyrna, has been the guest of his brother, Eli Lowden. Mr. and Mrs. Just Broas of Bay City returned home Thursday morning after visiting a short time at the home of his sisters, Meadames Belle Mann and Katharine Hill.

Miss Olive Wilson of Syracuse, N. Y., is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hetherington.

M. J. Prall, of Lansing, has come back to the old home town for the summer and is now to be found occupying his home just across the road from the W. B. Travis home.

Miss Olive Holcomb, of Pontiac, came home Friday for a week's visit with her mother, Mrs. John Antcliff and with other relatives and friends.

A. W. Demorest of Lansing came up Saturday for an over Sunday visit at the home of his sister, Miss Clara Demorest.

Mr. and Mrs. Orba McCoy of Detroit were the over Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cornell and other relatives and friends in this city. They returned home Monday.

Mrs. Chas. Howard and Mrs. Walter Snell and son Richard, came up Tuesday morning to visit at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. W. L. Covert and family.

C. Edward Johnson, one of the class of 1918 of the Belding high school, left for Kalamazoo Monday morning, where he will take a teacher's summer course.

Cecil Walker went to Rose City Tuesday afternoon to spend his vacation.

Miss Edith Stonehouse and mother left here on the early morning train Tuesday for Bellaire where they will visit at the home of their son and brother, Arthur Stonehouse for a time.

Bert Case and wife and Alderman French Arnold and family were among the hordes of people who visited Camp Custer last Sunday. The camp made a great impression on all.

John S. Donovan spent a part of last week at Camp Custer as a guest of his son, Sgt. John Donovan, Jr.

Mrs. E. J. Knapp and son, Clifford went to Camp Custer Thursday night and spent Friday and Saturday. Clayton Knapp and Donald Pilkinton returned from camp with them and spent Sunday with the home folks, returning to Camp Custer Sunday night.

Virgil Altenburg of Lansing came up Monday to visit with his grandmother, Mrs. Mary L. Morey and his many friends.

Mrs. Clara Benjamin of Rose City returned home Tuesday afternoon, after a short visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Moore.

Mrs. Geo. Barrett and daughter, Beulah returned home to Muskegon, Monday after a few days' visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brown.

The Misses Helen Lapham and Mary Ann Ravell left Saturday for Mt. Pleasant to attend the six weeks' summer normal course for teachers. Miss Ravell has been engaged to teach in the Green school district and Miss Lapham will teach at Orleans, during the next school year.

Mrs. Vinnie Nash and daughter, Jessie of Virginia, Minn., arrived in the city Thursday night and are the guests of their son and brother, Frank Nash and also their daughter and sister, Mrs. Charles Purdy of Grattan.

Miss Helen Menke has been the guest of Gladys Face in Coopersville for the past week.

Miss Loretta Divine of Chicago is home for a visit with her mother, Mrs. Eva Divine.

Carl A. Elmer, who is manager of the fabric department at the St. Paul office of the Belding Bros. & Co., left Friday after visiting the mills here.

Wortley & French have found a new cure for dandruff, itching scalp and falling hair—Parisian Sage. Even the first application will help you, and in a week the hair will stop falling out.—Advertisement.

GRATTAN

Regular meeting of Venus chapter Saturday evening for program; will be community singing by members led by Mrs. Mollie Godfrey, Mrs. Ruth Burbano, Clyde Tower. As this will be the 28th anniversary of Venus chapter we wish to make it an enjoyable evening for all. There are two candidates and a good attendance is desired.

The F. & A. M. will give another of their popular dancing parties July 4. Music by Hale's orchestra of Belding. A good time awaits you. Come.

The regular L. A. S. social will be held with Mrs. Jay Norton July 11. Supper will be served. All come.

Mrs. Jay Steele and Mrs. Jay Norton spent a very pleasant day with Mrs. Milo Brown Wednesday.

Miss Norma Elkins returned to duty at Butterworth hospital Thursday after a three weeks' vacation with her parents here.

Mrs. Effie Elkins went to Grand Rapids Tuesday to care for Mrs. Jane Rich who is still confined to her bed.

Sam Brownell, Tom Bookley, Will Jenks, Ray McArthur attended F. & A. M. lodge at Lowell Tuesday evening and report a fine time.

Mrs. Ed. Borden spent Tuesday with her niece, Mrs. Earl Nash. Harold Fleming of Ithaca visited his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Partridge last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Weller, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard and Elmer Brooks of Casnovia spent Friday with their mother, Mrs. H. Brooks. Mr. Brooks was called home by the serious illness of his daughter, Mrs. Rice who has typhoid fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Rhodes received a telegram Thursday evening that their son, Wirt had been killed somewhere in France May 28 in action. Mr. Rhodes did not wait to be drafted. He was a volunteer and had been in service in Co. 28th infantry for a year. The parents and relatives have the sympathy of their friends in their loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bookley spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Green of Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knapp of Belding visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foy Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Bookley, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Foy visited Mr. and Mrs. James Shay of Portland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Burt Partridge made a trip to their farm near Ionia Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dickson visited the latter's sister, Mr. and Mrs. James Williams Sunday.

Callers at Jules Osmer's Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Will McNaughton, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wooster, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Thompson.

Twins Puzzle Marine Officials. Stockton, Cal., June 24.—When is a "first child" not a "first child"? This is the question that has been causing Sergeant R. R. Mergenthal, of the local U. S. Marine corps recruiting station, to spend sleepless nights lately.

George Hadley, of Kansas City, applied to Mergenthal for enlistment. When Hadley informed him that he was married and had two children, Mergenthal told him that he would draw \$32.50 for a family allotment, namely \$15 for his wife, \$10 for his first child and \$7.50 for his second child. But Hadley insisted on \$35.

"How do you figure that?" queried Mergenthal.

"Well, my youngsters are twins, so how are you going to figure the first child?" answered Hadley.

"I give up," declared Mergenthal, after puzzling over it for a few hours. The delicate question has been put up to the authorities at Washington.

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MURRAY LAKE

Several from Moseley attended the graduation exercises at Belding on Wednesday evening, as Martin Davis was one of the 1918 graduates.

Mrs. Jennie Kropf spent Saturday in Saranac.

Messrs. and Meadames Clinton and Ara Weeks, Bert Ford and their families spent Sunday at Leon Weeks' home.

A very bad wreck occurred Sunday afternoon one mile south of Moseley on the P. M. railroad when 12 cars were derailed and badly smashed. Lots of damage done but no one injured. No trains run Monday between Belding and Lowell.

Miss Ellen Frost had a birthday party last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews and wife of Lowell spent Friday with relatives at Moseley.

Guests at Hosmer Andrews last week and Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Mike McAndrews, Mrs. Lemuel Davis and family, Mrs. Sarah Purdy, Mrs. Helen White and son, Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kropf, Miss Kate Howard, Messrs. Weys and Messrs. Rodgers, Dawson and Crump of Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ford and guests spent Monday at Murray Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Frost spent Sunday in Lowell.

KEENE

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sparks and two children, Robert Sparks, Mrs. Howard Bowen motored to Lake City Thursday for a few days' visit.

Mrs. Eva Higgins spent Saturday in Belding.

M. D. Hull came home from Floyd Sparks from Lake City where he has been for a 20-day visit with his son, Riley Hull and his daughter, Mrs. Pinckney.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hull were in Saranac Saturday and took dinner with their sister, Mrs. A. R. Wolverton.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Higgins were in Saranac Saturday.

James Hopkins is working on the road.

Burr Higgins called on James Hopkins Sunday.

Emmet Woodman of near Stanton spent Friday evening at Jane Hopkins' and stayed all night at M. D. Hull's.

Mrs. Eddie Scott spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Carrie Scott. Alva Dodds, Anson Dodds spent Friday at W. Higgins'.

James Covert and wife of Lake Odessa, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lee of Saranac went to Belding Friday to see their uncle, Wm. Covert, who is in very poor health.

Stephen Sparks of Grand Rapids called at the old home in Keene last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hopkins spent Sunday evening at M. E. Higgins'.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Higgins took dinner at Dell Hardy's Sunday.

Mrs. W. Higgins called on M. D. Hull Sunday evening.

CANNONSBURG

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Reed of Grand Rapids recently spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Reed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Eaton.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bookley recently visited his mother, Mrs. Alice Bookley and two sisters, Miss Mabel Bookley and Mrs. Charles F. Bush of Silver Lake. Mr. Bookley is traveling salesman for the Nu-Way Stretch Suspender Co., Dundee, Mich.

Those who spent an enjoyable day at the pleasant farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Norman Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. F. Bush of Silver Lake, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Norman, Mrs. Alice Bookley, Miss May Bush, Bernard Fingleton and Miss Mabel Bookley. A three course dinner was served.

Joseph Verley of Camp Custer, who is ill, is now at home.

Those who spent last Sunday at Camp Custer were Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Scott, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thomas and Mrs. Glenn Farr and little daughter, Eleanor Janet.

Prof. E. M. Vroman and wife of Edmore, Mich., were the recent guests of Mrs. Bessie L. Ladner, calling on other relatives and friends here.

Miss Maloney of Grand Rapids, who has been a guest of Mrs. Nellie Abraham the past three weeks, returned to her home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Joyce recently motored to Jackson and other points returning to their home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kindy and two children of Fulton, Mich., and Clayton Inwood of South Carolina visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Inwood the past week.

Andrew Ditters and Wm. Cavanaugh, who have been called to Camp Custer left Monday for that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin T. Scott and family motored to Midland, Mich., on Sunday. Their daughter, Miss Jeanette will spend two weeks visiting with friends and relatives.

NORTH EASTON

Mrs. Frank Marquette was a guest of Mrs. Helen and Elma Gott Thursday.

Mrs. Amy Clifford and granddaughter were Thursday guests of Mrs. Abbie Parmeter and daughter, Ada.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Tingley and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Krick motored to Belding Sunday and were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Leach. Miss Luella Clark of Benton Harbor and Esther May Leach accompanied them home for a visit.

ASHLEY

On account of John Emmons having mumps the Red Cross workers will meet with Miss Nellie Ashley and Mrs. Roy Clifford this week Friday, June 28 instead of with Mrs. Louis Emmons as stated last week.

Dr. Louis A. Roller of Grand Rapids was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rasmussen and Louis Jenks Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hoover entertained company from Sheridan last Sunday.

If old man "winter" does not keep his child, "Jack Frost," off from "summer's" war gardens, there may be something doing.

Notice. All members of Victoria Rebekah lodge, No. 60, are requested to be present at their next regular meeting June 28. There will be initiation and all ladies of the degree staff will please wear white.

BARTONVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Norton were in Ionia Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Chadwick spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Day. Mr. Chadwick left for Camp Custer Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norton, B. F. Tower, Glen Bakeman and Glenn Lee and family enjoyed last Sunday at Reed's lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith and daughter Lulu of Palo spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clair Norton.

Mrs. Frank Davis spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Joslin of Belding.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Davis and Sam Davis motored to Saginaw last Tuesday and attended the state G. A. R. encampment.

M. J. Richmond fell from the peak of the barn while repairing a hay track and broke his ankle. Dr. Dutt reduced the fracture and Mr. Richmond is as comfortable as can be expected.

Mrs. Morris Hinds returned from the west last week and is visiting her brother, Walter White.

School closed Friday with Miss Pressley as teacher. The children rendered a very interesting program after which ice cream and cake was served.

Miss Bernice Olds visited her cousin Bessie Lee and also Julia Hogan, part of last week.

OAKFIELD

Haven't had the much needed rain yet. Last Saturday old Jack Frost laid his icy hand on the garden and other crops, doing considerable damage in this vicinity.

A large number of Red Cross workers gathered at the Gleason hall Thursday afternoon to sew and knit. They have their first allotment of garments for the hospitals somewhere in France. They all seem to enjoy the work.

Mrs. Byron Moore and children of Belding are visiting her mother, Mrs. Stults for a few days.

Ed. Collar and family of Ada visited their nephew Judson Wellman and wife Sunday and called on other relatives.

Mrs. Slayton is entertaining her sister from Grand Rapids.

Frank Havens and mother came from Carson City and visited Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. S. A. Havens.

Glenn Havens and lady friend of Grand Rapids paid his grandmother, Mrs. Havens a farewell visit last Friday before he left for Camp Custer. He expected to leave Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones entertained the latter's cousins, Chas. Ayers and family of South Boston Sunday.

Mrs. Havens and Mrs. Slayton were dinner guests of M. E. Co. a Thursday.

Fred Wooster of Courtland called on his sister-in-law, Mrs. Stults last Monday while he waited for the miller to grind his grain.

The recent dry weather has raised havoc with the roads, some places being nearly impassable. There are also some bridges that are in likewise condition about the vicinity of Podunk. It is with pleasure and safety that travelers drive across the bridge at Jones' mill but with fear and of danger and a tight grip on the wheel do they have when they cross the bridge west of Podunk and we think it is high time the road man repaired it before any harm is done.

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Mrs. Birdsall has gone to Albion to attend the Epworth League state institute for a week as a delegate from the Orleans Epworth League.

Misses Julia Hill and Marion York were received into Orleans church on Sunday evening on probation.

The choir of the Orleans church went to Guy Glazier's home for a farewell party for J. C. Linebaugh and family. Mr. Linebaugh has done excellent work in the choir and we shall miss them all greatly.

The relatives of Mrs. Bay Emery, whose funeral was conducted by the pastor Saturday afternoon, have the sympathy of the church in their hour of bereavement.

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